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1. I have never heard, seen, or read of anti-aircraft defenses being placed in or around industrial or communication centers of Czechoslovakia. To the best of my knowledge, air raid sirens installed by the Czechs prior to German occupation and by the Germans during the occupation are still in usable condition; I have never heard of any new installations. I do not know about any plans for blackout of Czechoslovakian industrial centers at night. I have seen no evidences of camouflage of industrial centers, nor have I heard of any plan to do so. I did hear, however, that industrial and other important centers still have the facilities used by the Germans for blackouts.
2. Aside from hearsay that the Ministry of National Defense in Prague must have radar, I have no knowledge of radar installations.
3. Immediately after the war all temporary air-raid shelters were dismantled, but the steel and concrete installations remained. I am positive that no new air raid shelters had been built in Slovakia. I did not see any nor

I do not know about installations in other parts of Czechoslovakia. The steel and concrete installations remaining after World War II are pitifully insufficient to protect the population against an emergency.

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